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To authorize the provision of assistance to the victims of war in the former Yugoslavia, including the victims of torture, rape, and other war crimes and their families.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 24 (legislative day, JANUARY 5), 1993

Mr. DECONCINI (for himself, Mr. DOMENICI, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds that—

5 (1) the loss of life and human suffering in
6 Bosnia-Herzegovina has reached an unprecedented
7 scale in post-World War II Europe;

8 (2) war and “ethnic cleansing” in Bosnia-
9 Herzegovina has uprooted more than 1.5 million

1 people, contributing to the largest refugee problem
2 in Europe since World War II;

3 (3) the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina have been
4 subjected to organized, systematic, and premeditated
5 war crimes and genocide, including willful killings,
6 rape, forced impregnation, abuse of civilians in de-
7 tention centers, deliberate attacks on noncombat-
8 ants, “ethnic cleansing” through the forcible expul-
9 sion and deportation of civilians, and torture of pris-
10 oners; and

11 (4) there has been no concerted and coordi-
12 nated effort to provide assistance to the victims of
13 such acts and their families to meet their short- and
14 long-term needs.

15 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF ASSISTANCE.**

16 (a) **ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE.**—The President is
17 authorized to provide assistance under this section for vic-
18 tims of torture, including rape and other war crimes, and
19 for the families of such victims, in the former Yugoslavia,
20 with a particular focus on victims of the war in Bosnia-
21 Herzegovina.

22 (b) **DESCRIPTION OF ASSISTANCE.**—Assistance au-
23 thorized by subsection (a) includes such activities as—

24 (1) the provision of medical, psychological, and
25 psychiatric care and crisis counseling for victims of

1 war crimes stemming from the conflict in the former
2 Yugoslavia, whether in the United States or abroad;

3 (2) the training of persons within the former
4 Yugoslavia, including those who have been the vic-
5 tims of torture and those of the Moslem faith, to
6 provide medical, psychological, and psychiatric care
7 and crisis counseling; and

8 (3) the procurement of necessary medical and
9 training supplies.

10 (c) COORDINATION OF ASSISTANCE EFFORTS.—As-
11 sistance authorized by subsection (a) shall be coordinated
12 by the Administrator of the Agency for International De-
13 velopment and channeled through such governments,
14 international organizations, and nongovernmental organi-
15 zations as the Administrator determines appropriate to
16 reach those in need.

17 (d) SPECIAL AUTHORITY.—Assistance authorized by
18 subsection (a) may be made available notwithstanding any
19 other provision of law except the provisions of section
20 104(f) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
21 2151b(f))

22 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION.**

23 For purposes of this Act, the term “former Yugo-
24 slavia” means the territory covered by the former Socialist
25 Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, consisting of the republics

1 of Serbia, Montenegro, Slovenia, Croatia, Macedonia, and
2 Bosnia-Herzegovina, without regard to diplomatic recogni-
3 tion by the United States of any republic.

